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SUBJECT: FAO EXPERTS CONSULTATION ON CEREALS RESERVES

POLICIES FOR SECURITY

PASS ALSO TO AGRICULTURE FOR RICHARD BELL

1. U. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO TALKED FEBRUARY 20 WITH HERBERT RYAN, FORMER CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE WHO BEGAN WORK FEBRUARY 1 AS SENIOR COMMODITY SPECIALIST IN FAO (ANELIESE BINDER'S FORMER JOB), ABOUT FAO EXPERTS CONSULTATION ON CEREALS RESERVES POLICIES FOR SECURITY, FEBRUARY 24-28.

2. RYAN SAID HE AND TONY LEEKS OF FAO ARE WORKING TO DEVELOP SOME LIMITED PRINCIPLES AND POINTS ON WHICH AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED, LEST CONSULTATION GET BOGGED DOWN BY CONTROVERSY ABOUT STABILITY OF PRICES AS RELATED TO RESERVES FOR SECURITY, OR OTHER CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED APPROACH BY STAGES, WITH EXPLORATION TO FIND LIMITED AREAS OF AGREEMENT, FURTHER STAGES TO BE DEVELOPED IN LATE DAYS OF WEEK OR IN FURTHER CONFERENCES SCHEDULED OR TO BE SCHEDULED. HE ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO FAO APPRAISAL OF CEREAL SHORT-FALL IN MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED NATIONS, SCHEDULED TO BE ISSUED FEBRUARY 24,  
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SUGGESTING THAT ITS USE AS BACKGROUND DOCUMENT BY EXPERTS

CONSULTATION WOULD AUGMENT REALITY OF DISCUSSIONS AND REDUCE TENDENCY TOWARD THEORETICAL ARGUMENT.

3. RYAN SAYS AUSTRALIANS HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED PAPER FOR CONSULTATIONS, BUT CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE LIKE UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO BRING HIS WITH HIM.

4. RYAN ALSO INDICATED HE AND LEEKS INTENDED TO PRESS FOR SOME FORMAL AGREEMENT (ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AT THIS CONSULTATION, AT WHICH THEY MAY INSTEAD FALL BACK TO STRESS ON FAO'S UNDERTAKING.) (COMMENT: BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO INTENDS TO TALK WITH RYAN ABOUT THIS, MAKING POINT THAT THIS IS CONSULTATION OF EXPERTS, NOT FORMAL REPRESENTATION OF GOVERNMENTS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DOUBTS THIS MEETING CAN BE READILY PLACED IN CATEGORY OF STANDARD EXPERT CONSULTATIONS, BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATIVES AND FACT THEY WERE DESIGNATED BY GOVERNMENTS. AGENDA OF MEETING, ALTHOUGH PHRASED IN TERMS OF PROCEDURES AND METHODS, LIES CLOSE TO HEART OF MOST CRITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN WORLD FOOD PROBLEMS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AGREES, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS NOT PROPER FORUM OR TIME TO TRY TO FORMULATE DEFINITIVE UNDERSTANDING.) VOLPE

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